

*AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS*

Please amend Fig. 3 by replacing the attached sheet marked "REPLACEMENT SHEET" for the original Fig. 3, which changes reference numeral "8" to "9" and reference numeral "55" to "58". The change is shown on the attached sheet that is marked "ANNOTATED SHEET".

Attachments: Replacement Sheet  
Annotated Sheet

*REMARKS/ARGUMENTS*

The specification and claims have been carefully reviewed in the light of the Office Action to which this amendment is responsive. Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the courteous interview during which time the foregoing amendments were discussed with the hope of placing the application in condition for allowance.

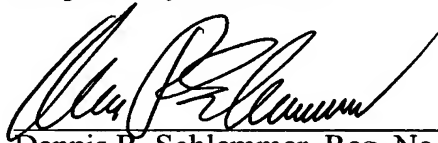
Claims 1-19 stood rejected as being obvious over Schlecht et al. '375 in view of Lichy, and reconsideration was respectfully requested. At the outset, Lichy is believed to be non-analogous art, dealing within the field of houses and buildings. The subject invention relates to motor vehicles, and more particularly, to the problem of vibrations that occur during normal movement of a motor vehicle. Neither the field of invention, nor the problems to which the present invention is directed, are similar.

In any event, the prior art is believed to provide no disclosure or suggestion of applicant's the invention as claimed. Applicant's invention relates to a window shade that includes an elastic lip that is mounted in contacting elastically deformed relation to the end of a pull rod extending laterally outwardly of the window shade for biasing and maintaining the pull rod in continuous rattle-free contact with a guide rail of the window shade within which the pull rod is moveable. To the extent Lichy is relevant, it utilizes a non-deformable spacer strip 56 engageable with the curtain for maintaining the curtain in engagement with a strip 46 and wind bar 48 (Col. 4, ll. 54-60) The brush 66 provides only a weather stripping sealing function. It does not bias the door into a rattle-free engaging, moveable contact, with a side of its guide rail. It further provides no disclosure or suggestion of an elastically deformable lip for engaging a laterally extending end of a window shade pull rod into rattle-free contact with a guide rail.

Hence, claim 1 is believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art. Since the remaining claims all are depended upon claim 1, for similar reasons they are believed allowable over the prior art. Since the application is otherwise now believed to be in condition for allowance, an early action to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney at his direct number (312) 616-5640.

Respectfully submitted,



---

Dennis R. Schlemmer, Reg. No. 24,703  
LEYDIG, VOIT & MAYER, LTD.  
Two Prudential Plaza, Suite 4900  
180 North Stetson Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60601-6780  
(312) 616-5600 (telephone)  
(312) 616-5700 (facsimile)

Date: August 11, 2005

Amendment or ROA - Final (Revised 2005 08 01)

ANNOTATED SHEET

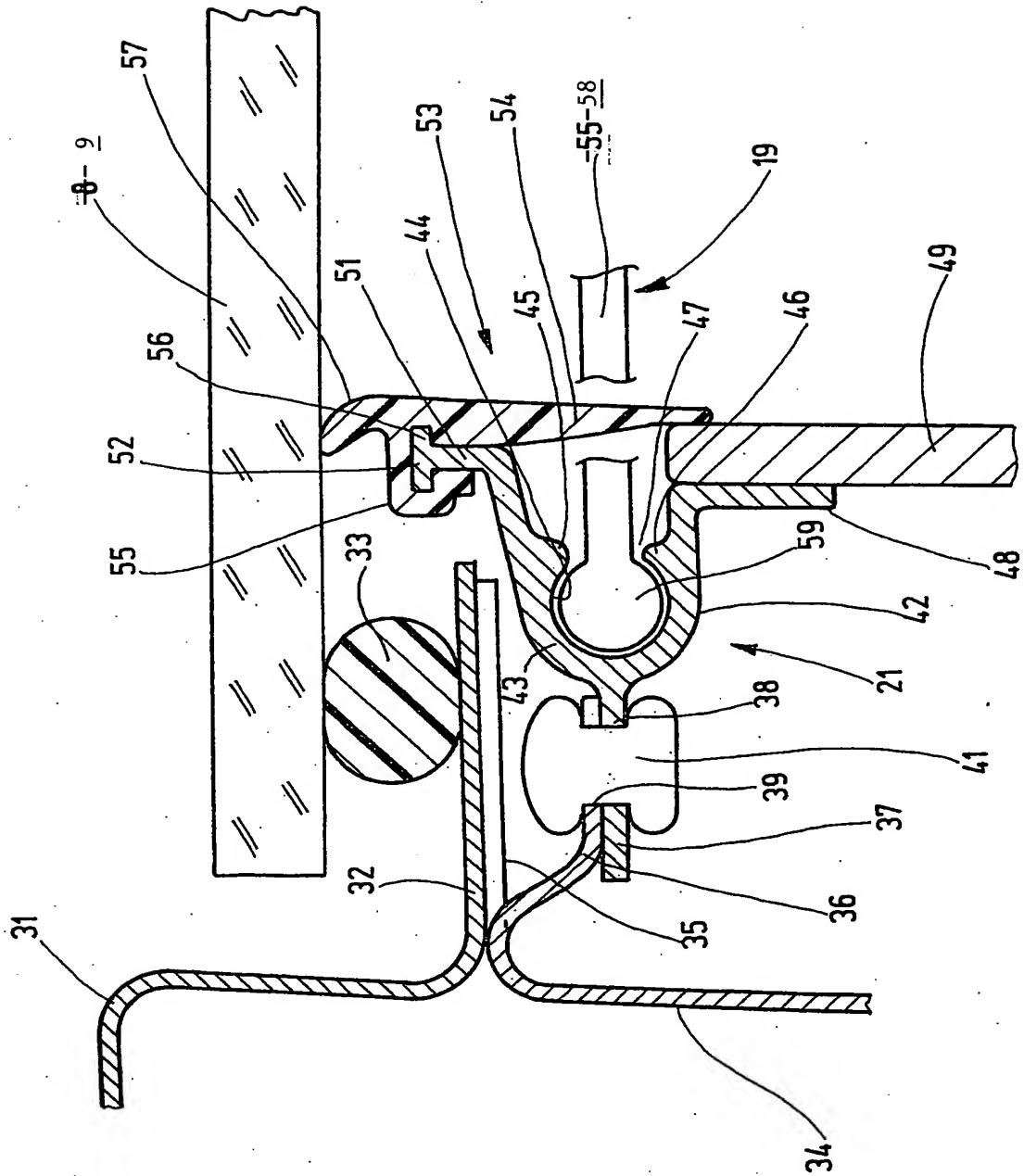


Fig. 3